the ailing PSUs. Some of the common steps taken in this regard include referring continuously loss making industrial PSUs whose networth has become negative to the BIFR for rehabilitaiton/revival, periodical review of the performance of the PSUs by the concerned administrative Ministries/Departments, business and financial restructuring, infusion of fresh funds, upgradation of technology, improved marketing strategy, purchase perference policy, rationalization of manpower, cost control measures etc.

Approval of projects received from Karnataka

2315. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Karnataka has sent certain projects for approval of his Ministry;

(b) if so, the details thereof, project-wise;

(c) by when those projects are likely to be considered and cleared by his Ministry; and

(d) the reason for pendency?

THE MINISTER OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI SUBODH MOHITE): (a) to (d) Ministry of Heavy Industries & Public enterprises has not received any project from Government of Karnataka for approval.

Sick heavy industries

†2316. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI LAJPAT RAI:

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether some units of the heavy industries have been declared as sick during the last three years;

(b) if so, the names of these units;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) the units which have been running in loss for last three years and yet have not been declared as sick; and

(d) the amount of loss incurred by each of these units by March, 2003?

THE MINISTER OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI SUBODH MOHITE): (a) and (b) Three Public Sector Enterprises, under the Department of Heavy Industry have been declared sick by BIFR during the last three years ending 31.3.2003, namely, Hindustan Salts Limited, Hindustan Cables Limited & Bharat Wagon and Engineering Company Limited.

(c) As per the audited results available upto 2001-2002, six loss making PSEs have not been declared sick namely, HMT (Machine Tools) Ltd., HMT (Watches) Ltd., HMT (Chinar Watches) Ltd., Sambhar Salts Ltd., Bharat Leather Corporation Ltd., National Industrial Development Corporation Ltd.

(d) Audited accounts for the year ending March, 2003 have not been finalized. However, accumulated loss as on 31.3.2002 is given as under:—

S.No.	Name of PSE	Accumulated losses (Rs. in crore)
1.	HMT (Machine Tools) Ltd.*	166.82
2.	HMT (Watches) Ltd.*	165.47
3.	HMT (Chinar Watches) Ltd.*	50.63
4.	Sambhar Salts Ltd. (SSL)	9.40
5.	Bharat Leather Corporation Ltd. (BLC)@	30.67
6.	National Industrial Development Corporation Ltd. (NIDC)@	34.32

* These subsidiaries formed as on 01.04.200.

@ Operations have been discontinued in case of BLC and NIDC w.e.f. 30.9.2001 and 31.8.2002 respectively.